

# CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors!

## Methodist Men

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship, breakfast, and seek opportunities for mission work in the community.

## Methodist Women

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. The meetings include a program and missional planning for the months ahead. Zeb Vance Elementary School is one of their mission fields.

## Senior Circle

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings include a program and a light lunch. Any community member over 50 years of age is welcome at Senior Circle.

## BASIC UMYF

Meet biweekly at 4:00 p.m. and location changes each month. BASIC stands for Brothers And Sisters In Christ and youth from Rehoboth UMC and Plank Chapel UMC gather to grow in discipleship.

## Ah, Holy Jesus

Choir practice on Wednesday was a time of preparation for our worship through Lent. On March 17, the second Sunday in Lent the choir's anthem is "Ah, Holy Jesus." This hymn is a somber reflection on the depth of love God through Jesus Christ shows for each of us. One choir member remarked how dark the hymn feels. It is an inward turning song that sinks into our spirit and asks us to consider the price for our salvation and who paid it for us. Each verse has a closing phrase that moves down the scales in quiet punctuation of the theme of the verse. The phrase that haunts me continually is, "I crucified thee."

Each time I sing that phrase I am brought to another way that I continue to crucify Christ. Lent can become as filled with activity as Advent. We can focus on not eating chocolate or not drinking coffee or not being on social media. We can turn our hearts to prayerful practices over the next 40 days. Churches have lenten lunches and special worship services throughout and soon we are so busy, we have overpacked for the journey to the cross and left no space to sit at the foot of the cross and allow Jesus to minister to our spirit taking our burdens and sins and showing us his peace, love, and joy.

What are ways we continue to crucify Christ? How do we deny him in our daily activities? Do we do things on our own power and in our time wondering why it is not working? How do we betray Jesus? Do we see Jesus in our neighbor, family, stranger and reach out to offer love through a meal, a warm bed, forgiveness, or a listening ear? Are we like Pharisees and judging others to our standards and not to those of Christ?

Our journey with Jesus continues through our death into life eternal. We are being perfected in love by the master gardener who prunes us with love. When we think we have arrived, we had

**St. Patrick's Day**

**BASIC UMYF**

**March 16**

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Grilled Chicken Dinner**

**\$8.00 per plate**

**Eat in or Take Out**

**1/2 chicken, boiled potatoes, string beans, hush puppies, dessert, and beverage**

**Funds go towards annual trip to Pilgrimage**



better check our GPS. My prayer for us this lenten season is that our deep soul searching not only cleans house but opens us for the pouring in of God's Holy Spirit with God's plans and purpose for each of us individually and collectively as Plank Chapel United Methodist Church.

Lent begins on March 6. It is called Ash Wednesday because the Palms of triumphant entry are burned to ash and available for us to mark our own mortality with a cross or a smudge upon our forehead or our hand. Our Ash Wednesday Worship will be at 7:30 p.m. as choir completes their practice. It is

not required that you place the ashes upon your flesh. This time of worship is to open our spirits for the lenten journey to the cross. The music and the scriptures will be ones to give space for you and Jesus to meet. Your words to him may be, "I crucified thee." You may hear back, "Forgiven."



Praying with You,

Pastor Carolyn

## Lenten Words & Practices

**Lenten Words** - There are 6 weeks in Lenten and over those weeks we will extinguish one candle each week. This year we will be reflecting on a word a week. Part of your prayer time or journaling may be a time to consider how that word plays out in your life and walk with Jesus. Week 1 we reflect on temptation, week 2 reflecting on judgmental, week 3 neglect is our word, week 4 prayerful reflect on rejection, week 5 selfishness is our reflection word and week 6 we turn to betrayal. If you would like to be a lenten candle scripture reader please let Pastor Carolyn know.

**40 Day of Lent** - Often we have practices during Lent where we fast from various foods or activities or emotions. A friend shared a practice of fasting stuff. On Ash Wednesday and the following Sunday there will be a wrapped bag. This black trash bag will be for you to remove one item of stuff each day for



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forty days. This is stuff that is cluttering your life. Remember that the 40 days do not include Sundays - each Sunday during Lent is a "mini-Easter" as we celebrate the love God has for us and for the world.

Senior Circle  
Mar 20  
10:00 am

**Sack Cloth Bags** - As you fast, collect in a sack cloth bag or a bag of your choice the funds you save and on Easter Sunday make an offering to the Lord of the funds you have collected.

Our Lenten offering will go to our Change Fund Collection for March and April: Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society.

## Formational Opportunities

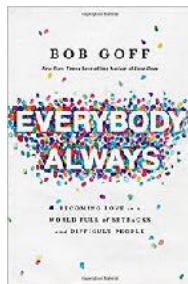
### Church School

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. classes are held in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall. Our adults have seasonal themes in their Adult Bible Studies. The winter theme is: Our Love for God. Our church school is open to all who seek to grow in faith and if a particular subject is of interest to a small group, we can create a class on that subject.



### Everybody Always

Sunday mornings at Room for short term Conference and spoke Always by Bob Goff. "becoming love" is a others. "People who off-putting behavior neighbor Carol, who, walkie-talkie each day to help her cope with her fears; an airport employee (Goff is also a pilot) whom he has helped with adoptions; and the Yazidi laugh at Goff's antics and musings amid his Sweet Maria ever decides to leave me, she has to take me with her," he writes of his wife while describing the rocky start to their marriage), and skydiving trips with his son between welcome parties for refugees



9:45 a.m. a class meets in the Youth studies. In 2015 Bob Goff came to the North Carolina at Pilgrimage to our youth. On January 27 we begin Everybody An Editorial Review in Publisher's Weekly writes: "To Goff, central principle that directs his actions and service toward are becoming love see the beauty in others even when their makes for a pretty weird mask," he says. Goff writes of his after she developed cancer, started chatting with him on a children he teaches in Northern Iraq. Readers will tireless work on behalf of others ("We agreed if



Trustees - 7:00 p.m. - Kim Oettinger, John Abbott, Todd Wilson (Chair), Ann Finch, Thomas Beckham, LC Medlin, John Rogers, JJ Jones, Lorraine Abbott

whom he helps to settle within the U.S. The remarkable breadth of Goff's experiences and humility of his approach will help his call for becoming love resonate with readers. (Apr.)"

*Lenten Six Week Study - "It's Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" by Ray Buckley - Begins March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room*

This study work off of the hymn, "Lord of the Dance" and we explore the themes of Christ's redemptive act on the cross. Ray Buckley came to Pilgrimage in 2018 and shared his wisdom and stories of faith with the youth of the conference. Come walk with him through Lent. Week 1 - The Dance, Week 2 - A Parable, Week 3 - The Wronged, Week 4 - The Wrong, Week 5 - The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved: Judas, Week 6 - When Worlds Collided, Easter - Dancing with Holes in Your Moccasins



## BASIC UMYF

Dates have been set for Vacation Bible School. Now the work begins. Cave Quest VBS will launch its team of explorers on June 19-21. Classes Wednesday through Friday will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Save all your gallon tea, water, milk containers - we will be making our own caves out of them! Time to start recruiting adult volunteers to help us lead and teach about Jesus.

Our Pilgrimage Fundraiser is scheduled for March 16. Menu this year will be grilled chicken, potatoes, green beans, and cake slices. Beverages will be served to eat in guests. Ask your favorite cake bakers to provide a cake or two for slicing.

March Events include: 3rd - meeting at Rehoboth at 4:00 p.m., 15th - Evening preparations for Fundraiser at Plank Chapel, 16th - time to be determined as we serve dinner to our guests for our St. Patrick's Day Chicken Plate Fundraiser!!!

## 22nd - Winter Jam

### Conference Youth Events

**2019 Youth Event Dates** – For more information on each event, click on the links

- **ACS** – July 22-27, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/acs/>
- **Breakaway** – June 24-29, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/breakaway/>
- **Kaleidoscope** – April 5-7, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/kaleidoscope/>
- **Pilgrimage** – November 8-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/pilgrimage/>
- **Trail Hike** – July 14-20, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/appalachian-trail-hike/>

If interested in any of these events - ask Pastor Carolyn or go to <https://nccumc.org/youth/> to find out more information.

Please keep in mind that there is YSF (Youth Service Fund) scholarship money available: **2018 Funding Assistance**

**UMM have given BBQ cups to our youth for raising funds for pilgrimage and other events - \$8.00/cup helps our youth grow as disciples in Christ - see a youth or a youth leader for more details or for BBQ**



**Fat Tuesday  
Pancake Supper  
March 5**

**Join us for Breakfast for dinner  
before we fast for Lent  
serving starts at 5:00 p.m.**



**March 3 District Gatherings  
Following General Conference 2019  
3:00 p.m. - Wake Forest UMC**

This gathering will last no more than one hour, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Members of the NC Conference delegation will be at there to review what happened at General Conference and discuss the impact on the NC Conference.



**All ages welcome as we work a 12 circuit course, 2 minutes per station with 30 second high steps between each station.  
Upper body and lower body workout  
Work at your own pace as we move in rhythm with hymns and contemporary Christian music.**



**Feeding the  
Community**

**Cokesbury  
Food Pantry**

**Sundays**

**March 3 and 17**

**Nonperishable  
Goods**



**Dementia Alliance  
(formerly known as ALZNC)**

**5K Walk and Run**

**April 6 - 9:00 a.m.**

Begin recruiting and raising funds  
2019 Goal: \$3,000.00

Join us and invite a friend!

## Community Prayers

For... William Hendley, Karin Driver, Judy Eaves, Virgie Eaves, Joyce Edwards, Tommy Fowler, Marjorie Roy, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Susan Babicz, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, Jane Owen, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, David Driver

For... General Conference 2019  
For... healing and reconciliation  
For... those facing medical procedures  
For... those grieving  
For... those without food, jobs, shelter  
For... the lost and afraid For... Plank Chapel  
For ... God's church  
For... Our local cities and counties  
For... Our military, families, and veterans  
For... all in harms way  
For... peace in our nation  
For... peace in the world



### Fellowship and Fundraising Opportunities

**March 1 - World Day of Prayer - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Liberty Christian Church**

**March 2 - KLM Chicken Stew - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Plank Chapel UMC**  
**Fundraiser - \$7.00**

**March 5 - Pancake Supper - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Plank Chapel UMC**

**March 16 - BASIC Chicken - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Plank Chapel UMC**  
**Fundraiser - \$8.00**

## In His Service

### Flowers

3 - Communion  
10 - Olivia Kemp  
17 - Ellen Allen  
24 - Susan Sears  
31 - Pat Edwards

### Altar Guild

Joyce Edwards and Kim Oettinger

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** Ryan Rowland, Jamie Abbott, LC Medlin, Avery Thomas

**Greeter:** Mac Wilson

### Acolytes

3 - Matthew Denton  
10 - Laci Oettinger  
17 - Cameron Nugent  
24 - Avery Thomas  
31 - Austyn Abbott

### Lay Readers

3 - Avery Thomas Exodus 34:29-35  
10 - Donald Rose McGhee  
Romans 10:8b-13  
17 - Pat Edwards Philippians 3:17-4:1  
24 - Tim Smith 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
31 - Darlene Ranes Isaiah 43:16-21

### Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

### Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg</li> </ul>	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:20 PM Shelter Meal</li> </ul>	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	28	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM World Day of Prayer</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Chicken Stew Fundraiser</li> </ul>
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17 <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM UMW</li> <li>4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg</li> <li>7:00 PM Lenten Evening Study</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM PPRC</li> </ul>	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	21 <p>Holi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM WinterJam</li> </ul>	23
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